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Topic 16: REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION (Document CD6/19)

Proposal Submitted by the United
States Government

The United States Government is of the opinion that the Draft Revised Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CE17/12, Annex I) is generally acceptable. However, it is also the opinion of the United States Government that the text might be improved in certain respects. For that reason the United States Government is submitting the amendments set forth in the attached annex, to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for transmittal to the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution for its consideration.

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The following modifications in the proposed Constitution (in Document CPRC/14, Annex I to Document CD6/19) are suggested:

Article 2:

Revise to read as follows:

"a) Members of the Pan American Sanitary Organization are the 21 American Republics which are parties to the Pan American Sanitary Code.

"b) Any other American State shall be a Member upon becoming a party to the Pan American Sanitary Code or upon approval of its application for membership by the Conference with the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Members present and voting".

Article 3:

Delete the words "be represented and may" in the first sentence; and "representation and" in the second sentence. Insert in the first sentence after the word "may" a comma and the words "at the request of the Government responsible for such relations,".

Articles 5 and 6:

Delete the words "preferably be" and substitute "include."

Article 9:

Delete "shall" and substitute "may".

Article 10:

In the first sentence (a), substitute "a single" for "one".

In (b), substitute "when voting pursuant to the provisions of Article 3" for "whenever they are entitled to vote".

Article 23-3rd line:

Delete the words after "advisers."

Article 24:

Modify so as to provide that observers may participate without vote only when matters of interest to the States which appoint them are under consideration.

Article 25:

Delete "shall" and substitute "may".

Article 26:

Insert after "representatives": ", or acting representatives,".

Add a second sentence as follows: " Expenses of alternates and advisers shall not be paid by the Bureau."

Article 30:

Substitute "four Members of the Committee" for "three Members of the Organization".

Article 44:

Suppress whole of text in proposed Constitution. Substitute the following:

"(a) The Conference may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations having interest in or relation to public health, and to this end may conclude special agreements with such organizations."

"(b) The Director may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with non-governmental organizations having interest in or relation to public health, subject to confirmation by the Conference."

Article 49:

Substitute the following for the present text:

"(a) Any Member of the Organization or the Director may propose revisions and amendments to the Pan American Sanitary Code for consideration by the Conference."

"(b) Such revisions and amendments as are approved by the Conference with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present and voting shall be submitted to Members of the Organization for appropriate action."

Article 50:

Delete the word "by" in the last sentence and insert "with an affirmative vote of".

Article 51:

Revise to read as follows:

"Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Constitution shall be decided by the Conference by a majority vote of the Members present and voting."